Poultry, Sheep and Piggery development in Andhra Pradesh

922. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to sponsor some schemes/projects on poultry, sheep and piggery development in Andhra Pradesh during 1988-89;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked for those schemes/projects; and

(c) the details of the schemes/projects already sponsored, if any, and the amount already spent and the amount earmarked for 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. There are projects to sponsor schemes on poultry and sheep development in Andhra Pradesh during 1988-89.

(b) and (c) The amount spent during 1987-88 and amount earmarked for the year 1988-89 for the schemes is given in the Statement.

Statement

Central/Centrally sponsored schemes for the development of Poultry and Sheep in Andhra Pradesh —amount released during 1987-88 *and earmarked for* 1988-89

(Rs. in lakhs)

Scheme	Amount spent released during 1987-88	Amount earmarked during 1988-89
(a) establishment of backyard poultry production units for the benefit of rural poor and providing employment opportunities to women in tribal/backward and remote areas . .	0.75	1.97
(b) to provide financial assistance to existing state level poultry corporations/federations	10.00	10 00
(c) grant-in-aid to state sheep breeding farms	..	10 00
(d) organisation of state wool boards/corporations/federations .	..	5 00

Civil Supplies Ministers' Conference

923. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Civil Supplies Ministers' meeting held in July, 1988, demanded that Central Government include Cement production and the release of levy cement to States in the Essential Commodities Act;

(b) if so, what was the reaction of Government to their demand; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the cement factories are not honouring the Central Government's allotment of levy cement to States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Cement is an item which already stands declared as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

(c) It is not correct to say that the cement factories are not honouring the Central Government allotment of levy cement to States. Sometimes, due to loss of production, movement constraints etc., the factories may not be in a position to